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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Thomas West	3621

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
      1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
      3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the US Application filed on April 1, 2004.
2. Claims 1-53 are currently pending and have been examined.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-53 are rejected under U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Walker, U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0193162.

### **Claims 1, 19, 34, 43:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- generating revenue (see at least paragraph 5);
- plurality of rounds (see at least paragraph 96);

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- determining fee (see at least paragraph 104);
- sending fee (see at least paragraph 25);
- transferring fee to network provider (see at least paragraph 25);
- user id (see at least paragraph 20).

**Claims 2-8, 22-25, 35-38, 46-49:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- threshold (see at least paragraphs 98, 99, 175);
- next round (see at least paragraphs 98, 99).

**Claims 9, 10, 20, 21, 39, 44, 45:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- fee per game (see at least paragraphs 104, 106);
- elapsed time (see at least paragraph 20).

**Claims 16, 30, 40, 50:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- communication protocol (see at least paragraph 36).

**Claims 32, 52:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- advertising fees charged (see at least paragraph 5).

**Claims 18, 31, 42, 51:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- points acknowledging ad (see at least paragraphs 112, 185).

**Claims 17, 33, 41, 53:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- winner and prize (see at least paragraphs 49, 176).

**Claims 11, 12, 13, 26, 27:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- biling user (see at least paragraphs 49, 176);
- user id (see at least paragraph 20).

**Claims 14, 15, 28, 29:**

Walker, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- wireless and ISP (see at least paragraphs 25).

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas West whose telephone number is 571-270-1236. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 7:30am - 5pm EST, ALT Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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